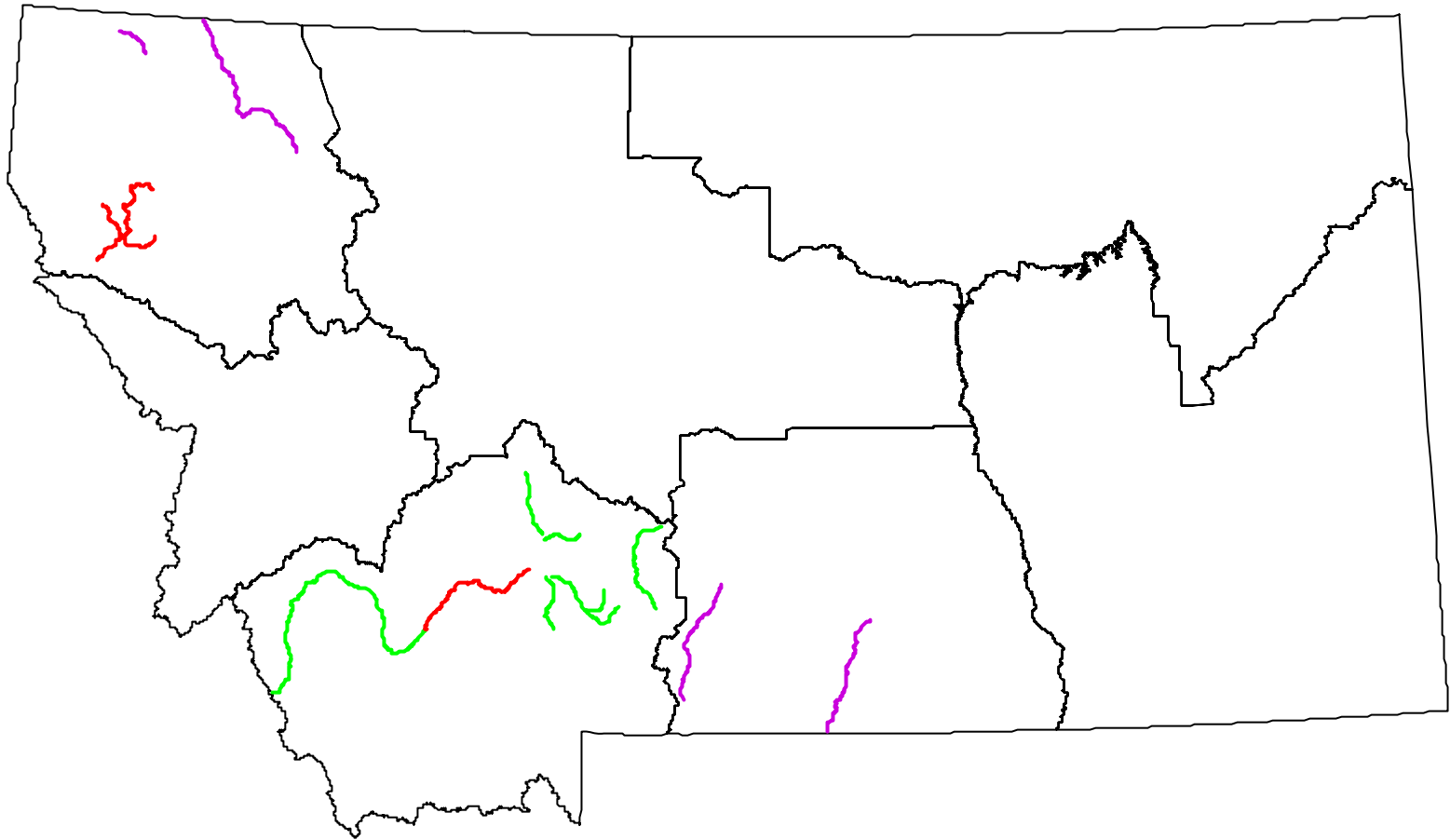


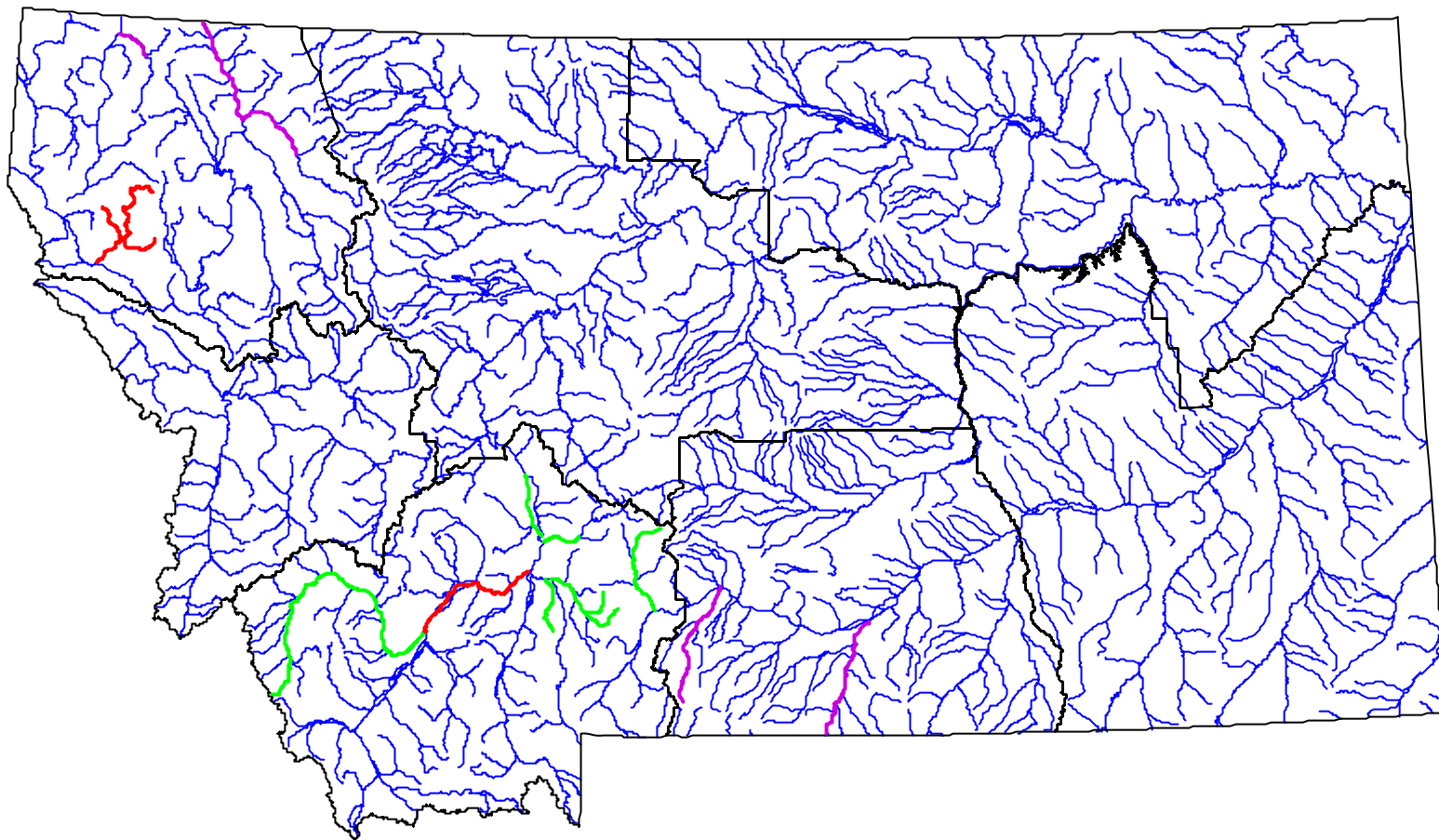


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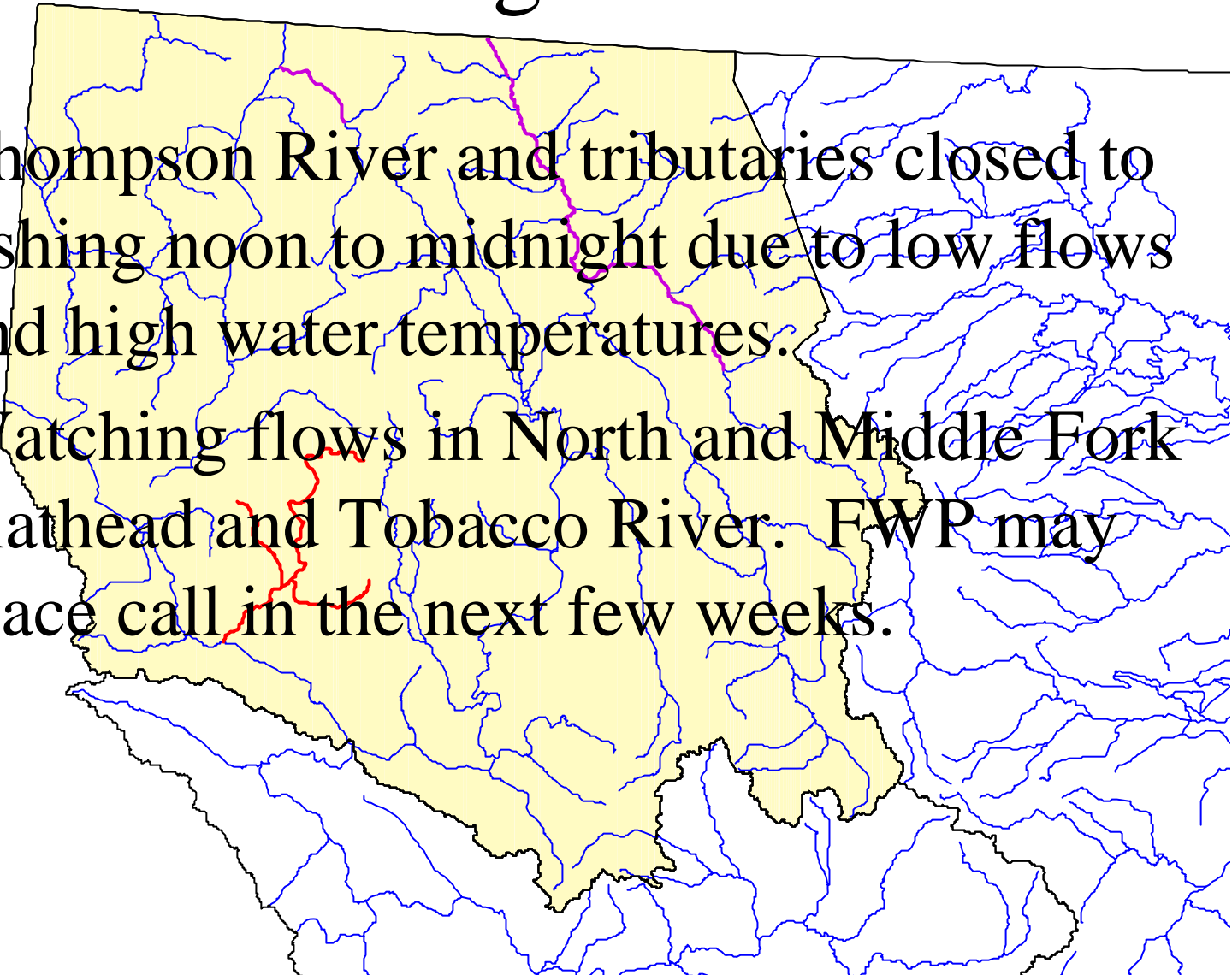
# Closures, Calls, Watches





# Region 1

- Thompson River and tributaries closed to fishing noon to midnight due to low flows and high water temperatures.
- Watching flows in North and Middle Fork Flathead and Tobacco River. FWP may place call in the next few weeks.





## Region 2

The map displays a complex network of blue lines representing rivers and streams. A large, irregularly shaped area in the center-left is highlighted in yellow, representing the Blackfoot River watershed. Several red lines indicate specific reservoirs or release points, including one in the upper left and another in the lower right. Green lines trace specific river segments in the lower right portion of the map.

- Releases from Painted Rocks Reservoir helping to maintain flows.
- Voluntary diversion reductions and voluntary fishing restrictions are in effect on Blackfoot River.



# Region 3

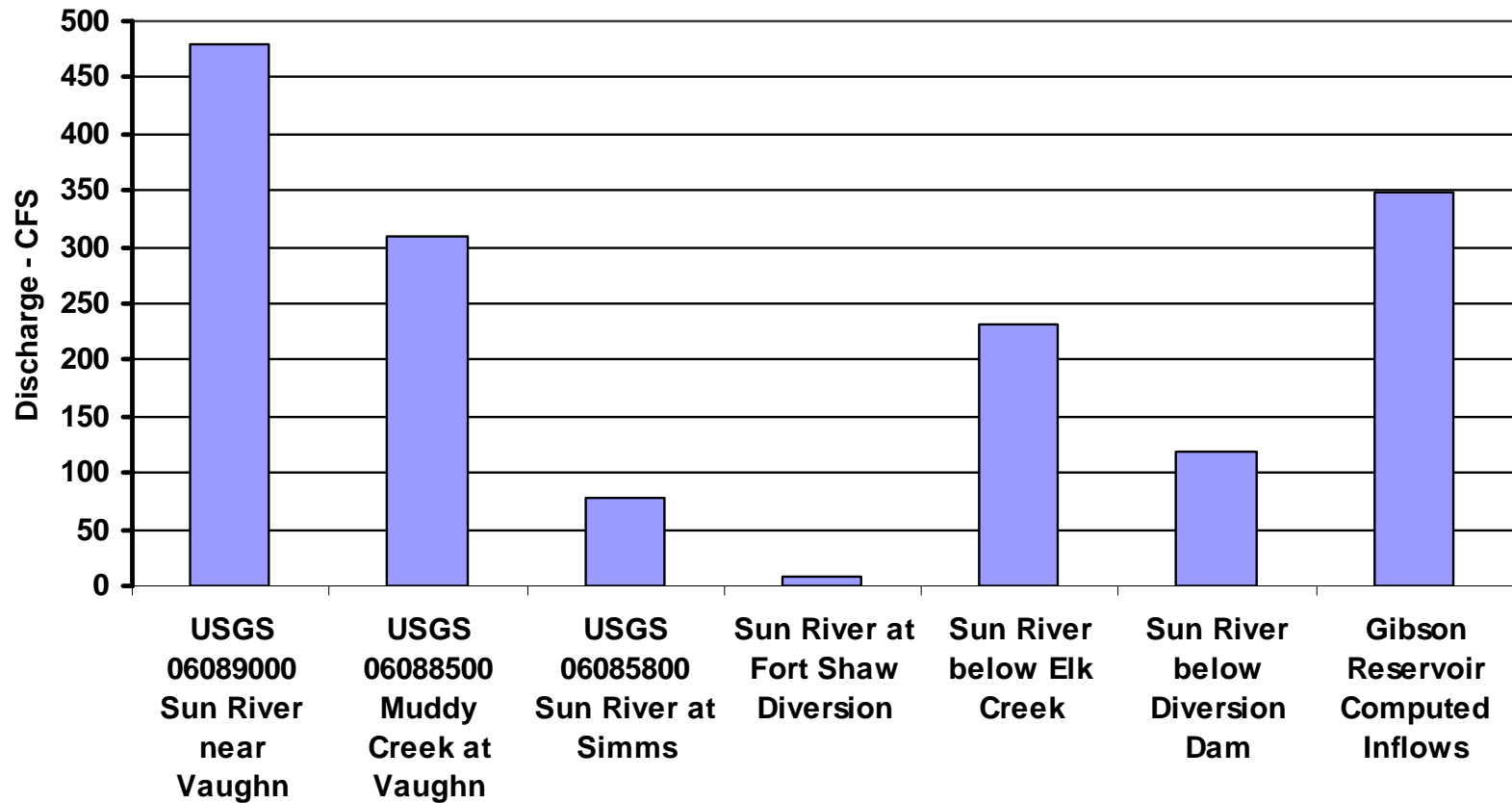
- FWP placed call on junior water users on August 4. Big Hole, East Gallatin, Baker, Shields, Missouri.
- Jefferson River closed to fishing noon to midnight. Closure triggered by low flows and high water temperatures.
- Big Hole below 40 CFS - Voluntary diversion reductions and voluntary fishing restrictions

A map of Missouri with its counties outlined in black. The western portion of the state is shaded in yellow and labeled 'Region 4'. A network of blue lines represents the state's river system. A pink line segment is visible on the far left, and a green line segment is visible at the bottom left.

## Region 4

- Missouri Below Holter is in better shape than recent years although tributaries such as Dearborn and Little Prickly Pear have low flows.
- Reservoirs quite low – impairing recreation and fish survival in some cases.
- Warm Spring Creek – lower than expected flows (47 CFS).

# Sun River





A map of Montana with its county boundaries outlined in black. A large area in the central and eastern part of the state is shaded in yellow, representing 'Region 5'. A network of blue lines represents the state's river system. Several specific river segments are highlighted with different colors: a green line follows the Yellowstone River on the western side of the yellow region; a red line is a short segment on the western edge; and a pink line follows the Musselshell River through the southern part of the yellow region.

## Region 5

- Watching flows on Clarks Fork Yellowstone and Boulder River near Big Timber. FWP may place call in the next few weeks.
- Flows in Musselshell holding up well most likely due to water commissioners.

# Region 6

- Fort Peck will continue to drop. Inflows of 4000 CFS with 7000 CFS releases.
- Higher lake levels at Fresno should have resulted in good fish recruitment.



# Region 7

- Yellowstone at Sidney below 80% exceedence.
- Tongue River maintaining reasonable flows at Miles City.

